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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes. The Government have sanctioned the employment of an additional shroff in the Sub-Treasury, Chowghat, for a period of six months from the date of appointment to cope with the heavy work in the sub-treasury."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" The additional shroff appointed is permanently required there. I do not know why Government came to the conclusion that it should be there only for a period of six months."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" If need be, the term can be extended. It is a simple proposition."

Revenue from public ferries in Malabar.

* 1933 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total revenue derived from public ferries in Malabar; and

(*b*) whether any portion of it is diverted for providing " Ferry stands " or other conveniences for passengers?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The total revenue derived from public ferries in Malabar for the year 1953–54 was Rs. 3,03,982.

" (*b*) An expenditure of Rs. 37,550 was incurred in 1953–54 towards provision of conveniences to passengers at the ferries. No portion of the revenue is diverted for provision of ferry stands."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the large income that the Government are deriving from the ferries, will the Government see that some more conveniences such as erection of ferry stands and putting up of seats are provided for the passengers? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" As the hon. Member himself has pointed out, in view of the large income we get, I shall have it examined and see whether we could do anything in that direction."

Alleged non-payment of taxes for plying buses.

* 1934 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any bus operator was found plying his buses without paying taxes for four quarters, during this year in the district of Salem;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the concerned Registration Certificates contained forged entries; and

(*c*) the action taken against the operator?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

" (c) The permits of the two buses of the operator have been cancelled; and action is being taken to recover the arrears of tax. The police have charge-sheeted the operator under sections 420 and 468, Indian Penal Code."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" பஸ் ஆபரேட்டர்மீது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டது என்பது உண்மைதான். ஆனால், ஒரு வருஷம் பூராவும் இந்த வரியைக் கொடாமல், அதுவும் பொய்க் கையெழுத்துப் போட்டு, எப்படி ஆர்.டி.ஓ.-வும் போலீஸாரும் உடந்தையாக இல்லாமல் இருக்க முடிந்தது என்பதை சர்க்கார் விசாரித்தார்களா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" போலீஸ்காரர்கூட சீக்கிரம் கண்டுபிடிக்க முடியாத அளவுக்கு இந்த ஆபரேடர் ஏமாற்றியிருக்கிறார்."

SRI G. GOVINDAN :—" சொந்தத்தில் 'ப்ளெஷர் கார்கள்' வைத்திருப்பவர்கள்கூட லைசென்ஸ் வாங்காமல் கார்களை வாடகைக்கு விடுகிறார்களே. அது சர்க்காரின் கவனத்திற்கு வந்திருக்கிறதா ?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" கனம் அங்கத்தினர் ஒரு தனிக் கேள்வியாகக் கேட்க வேண்டும்."

Kodai-Goschen road.

* 1935 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri K. Mookkiah Thevar is not in his place, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI K. MOOKKIAH THEVAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) when the Kodai-Goschen road in Madurai district was formed;

(b) the villages benefited by this road;

(c) whether there is any proposal for improving and metalling the road; and

(d) if so, when the work will be taken up?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) The road was formed during the years 1930 to 1933.

" (b) The villages served by the road are—

(1) Manavannur,

(2) Pumbarai,

(3) Kavungi,

(4) Pundi, and

(5) Other hamlets in the 'Upper Palanis' in the vicinity.

" (c) & (d) Strengthening of four weak bridges on the road is being taken up under Local Development Scheme. The Chief Engineer (Highways) has reported that the work of metalling